

## ICSOM Governing Board Call – 9/21/08

*Bruce Ridge, Brian Rood, Laura Ross, Michael Moore, Richard Levine, Matthew Comerford, Paul Gunther, Cathy Payne (Meredith Snow & Len Leibowitz called in during the call)*

1. **Columbus update** – there is a tentative agreement but no details; Len is traveling to Columbus for a ratification meeting that will be held tomorrow, Monday September 22. There are still concerns about health insurance, when the season begins and that strike fund payments have now run their course.
2. **Polyphonic meeting review** – Brian counted 15-18 ICSOM committee chairs at the meeting in Rochester NY. Few attendees knew much about Polyphonic, but the topics were informative and helpful to Polyphonic. Bruce and Brian reported that they had a number of good conversations during their meetings and both Brian and Bruce held master classes. Brian reported that Ray Ricker seemed very interested in finding out more about Americans for the Arts.
3. **SSD Director opening** – the ad is completed though Bruce has not seen a final draft.
4. **ICSOM Education Committee** – Larry Wolfe has responded in the affirmative. Paul Gunther also reached out to Jaime Austria who is also interested in participating. Bruce will contact the delegates who attended the education breakout session to see if they're still interested in participating as members of the committee. Paul will also serve on the committee.
5. **Americans for the Arts/Senza Sordino** – Randy Cohen is working on his article for *Senza Sordino* and hopes it will be ready soon. Newslets of recent settlements will be included. Bruce hopes to receive the information on how to sign up for AFTA membership in the next few days. There was discussion about how to inform our ICSOM membership about this opportunity. Some feel the e-mail database should not be used for political reasons; an alternative is to have each orchestra delegate solicit their members separately. We will wait and see what information is sent.

There was a further request for photos for *Senza Sordino* and the website. Matt will contact Rachel Goldstein who was taking a lot of conference pictures; Cathy planned on asking her for a tour report. Richard asked that he be informed if there are any more Newslets. There was also a brief discussion about which orchestras want boxes versus mailing *Senza* to each individual musician.

*Meredith joined the call.*

6. **Collaborative Data Project** – Bruce and Brian have been contacted regarding dates for another meeting but Bruce is only available on one of the dates. Bruce believes Linda Patterson, as acting SSD liaison, should be notified because the AFM has been left off the list. Bruce and Brian, at the behest of the entire board, want them to clarify some of ICSOM's positions about access to information. Bruce hopes this will be a discussion at the beginning of the next scheduled meeting and all agree there must be clarification regarding who receives the information and how it is delivered.

Bruce and Brian will also reach out to Susan Feder to voice their concerns about other projects Mellon is currently funding, and plan to include a discussion about how the Flanagan Report has been used by Columbus and Shreveport orchestra boards.

7. **A/V negotiations** – the meeting on Nov. 2 will now be with the orchestra managers and their attorney. Nov. 3 will be AFM only.

*Cathy left the call.*

8. **September IEB Agenda** – The board agreed Bruce should speak to Tom Lee this coming week to reinforce ICSOM's resolution regarding the RMA situation; the board also agreed that Laura's statement should be sent to Tom and forwarded to the IEB.
9. **David Herring on-line project** – This is a very important service for our members, but we must wait for the appointment of an SSD director to proceed.
10. **New Jersey** – the orchestra has requested the use of an attorney because much has changed regarding the management - orchestra relationship.
11. **Norfolk 2009** – there are 2 hotels we are investigating for the ICSOM conference next year. The dates will be August 19-22, 2009.

Len called in and spoke briefly about the Columbus settlement.

**Next Call –Tuesday, October 28 – 9PM EDT/8PM CDT/6PM PDT**